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SUBJECT: MTN SUBGROUP MEETING ON GRAINS, MAY 26-28

REF: MTN GENEVA 3992

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT SUMMING UP BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MAY 26-28 MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE SUBGROUP GRAINS (SEE REFTEL):

QUOTE:

A. THE SUBGROUP ON GRAINS HELD ITS FIRST SESSION ON 26-28 MAY 1975. AS IT WAS NOTED THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE STILL BEING HELD

ON THE QUESTION OF CHAIRMANSHIP, IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS SESSION OF THE SUBGROUP WOULD BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARIAT. THE SUBGROUP INVITED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THIS SESSION OF THE SUBGROUP AS AN OBSERVER.

B. THE SUBGROUP HEARD A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS REGARDING THE BASIC APPROACHES WHICH COULD BE ADOPTED FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS OF GRAINS, INCLUDING A STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EEC WHO PROPOSED THAT AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT BE NEGOTIATED, AND A STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES PROPOSING THAT THE SUBGROUP SHOULD BEGIN ITS WORK WITH AN EXAMINATION OF ALL THE ELEMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN REACHING THE OBJECTIVES OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION. SOME DELEGATIONS CONSIDERED THAT THE INITIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON THE REDUCTION OF BARRIERS TO WORLD GRAINS TRADE AND TRADE DISRUPTIVE PRACTICES. FOLLOWED BY DUE ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF MARKET INSTABILITY. OTHER DELEGATIONS EMPHASIZED THE DIFFICULTY OF TREATING THE QUESTION OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION SEPARATELY FROM THE QUESTION OF STABILIZATION AND SECURITY SCHEMES.

C. SOME DELEGATIONS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR ENSURING THE SECURITY OF SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE PRICES FOR IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TAKING SPECIALLY INTO ACCOUNT THE NEEDS OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, AND FOR INCORPORATING ADEQUATE MEASURES TO MEET THESE CONCERNS IN ANY INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE STABILIZATION OF MARKETS, SUCH AS FOOD, INTERNATIONALLY FINANCED CONCESSIONAL SALES, INCLUDING MEASURES BEING DISCUSSED IN THE INTER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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NATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL AND IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD SECURITY IN PURSUANCE OF THE DECISIONS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

D. THE SUBGROUP DISCUSSED THE QUESTION AS TO HOW TO ORGANIZE ITS FUTURE NEGOTIATING WORK ON THE APPROACH TO BE ADOPTED.

E. THE SUBGROUP AGREED THAT AT ITS NEXT MEETING, IT WILL INITIALLY ADDRESS ITSELF TO THREE INTERRELATED CATEGORIES OF TOPICS, THE ORDER OF LISTING OF WHICH WOULD HAVE NO SIGNIFICANCE:

(1) TOPICS RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVE OF STABILIZATION (E.G., STOCK-PILING POLICIES, INTERNATIONAL PRICES);

(2) TOPICS RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVE OF EXPANSION AND GREATER LIBERLIZATION OF TRADE (E.G., IMPORT MEASURES, EXPORT ASSISTANCE);

(3) TOPICS RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVES CONCERNING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (E.G., DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT, FOOD AID, CONCESSIONAL SALES), TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF EXPORTING AND IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

F. IT IS EXPECTED THAT IN THESE THREE AREAS FURTHER CONCRETE CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE MADE BY DELEGATIONS. THE SUBGROUP WILL UNDERTAKE AN EXAMINATION OF ALL THE ELEMENTS OF ALL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN OR MAY BE MADE, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ASSESSING THEIR CONTENT AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO THE PROBLEMS RAISED AND TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEGOTIATION.

G. THE SUBGROUP AGREED TO HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING ON 23 JUNE 1975, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO AVOID AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ANY CONFLICT IN TIMING WITH THE MEETING OF THE SUBGROUP ON DAIRY PRODUCTS.

UNQUOTE

2. BRACKETED PORTIONS ARE AREAS IN WHICH AGREEMENT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT REACHED. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS SAID THAT IF EXAMPLES ARE TO BE INCLUDED, THE LIST SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE: UNDER (1) SECURITY OF SUPPLIES AND SECURITY OF MARKETS; AND UNDER (2) VARIABLE LEVIES, QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS, LICENSING AND STATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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TRADING. THE EC WOULD NOT AGREE TO ANY OF THE ABOVE ADDITIONS.

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OPR NTE: BRACKETED PORTIONS MENTIONED IN PARA 2 ARE ACTUALLY THOSE PORTIONS WITHIN PARENS FOUND IN SUB-PARAGRAPHS (1) (2) AND (3) OF PARA E.

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